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**Testimony to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
In Support of SB345
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Chairman Kerschen and Committee Members:

The Kansas Sheriffs Association Supports the provisions of SB345. We appreciate the Department of Agriculture reaching out and working with us to develop this proposed solution to this difficult issue of effective disposal of “hot hemp.” The Federal Laws have clearly failed to adequately address reasonable effective disposal processes. However, we believe the solution proposed in this bill is reasonable and compliant under the existing federal laws and workable for Kansas.

The solution involves a cooperative effort between the local law enforcement agencies and the Department of Agriculture to evaluate the specific circumstances of each case requiring disposal of hemp due to excessive THC content. With that cooperative evaluation, we can collectively determine the appropriate way to render the product unusable at the lowest cost.

Also important to us is that our local taxpayers are not exposed to covering the cost of required disposal. That is also appropriately covered in this bill.

We urge you to move this bill forward favorably for passage.

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